

REMARKS**Present Status of Application**

Applicants previously canceled claims 13-23 in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-12 remain pending.

Election/Restrictions

The Office Action indicates that claims 1-12 are subject to an election of species requirement. In response to this election requirement, Applicants elect the first species corresponding to the embodiment 1 of Fig.4 directed to a bonding pad structure comprising an array of metal plugs electrically connecting the wiring layer and the wire bonding portion. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 8 are generic claims comprising a conductive structure electrically connecting the wiring layer and the wire bonding portion.

Applicants' election is listed in the following table:

	Elected Species	Figures	Claims
1 st	A bonding pad structure comprising an array of metal plugs electrically connecting the wiring layer and the wire bonding portion	Bonding pad structure of Fig.4 with metal plugs 424 and 444	claims 1-6 and 8-11,

All claims 1-12 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass those claims to issuance. If the Examiner believes a teleconference will expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 770-933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted ,

By:


Daniel R. McClure, Reg. No. 38,962

THOMAS, KAYDEN, HORSTEMEYER & RISLEY, L.L.P.
100 Galleria Parkway
Suite 1750
Atlanta, Georgia 30339-5948
(770) 933-9500